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Propositions

1. Burials reflect the cultural practices and social norms of past societies, and are useful avenues for investigating socio-cultural change.
2. Large burial datasets can provide insight into the mortuary customs of different social groups and classes.
3. The most effective approach to the analysis of ancient graves is the contextual approach.
4. Social and cultural change is bound to occur in situations of increased mobility and inter-population connectivity.
5. Local cultures, histories, and pre-existing political and social situations, influenced the way in which different cities experienced and responded to Roman rule.
6. Migrant identity is not always discernible through the material evidence from the grave. The isotopic evidence can be just as elusive.
7. Migrant identity is but one facet of a persona, and may not always be emphasized in burial.
8. A Roman colony is more than the sum of its colonists.